



Re Application of: **Pietras, et al.**

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For: An Apparatus for Facilitating the Connection of Tubulars Using a Top Drive

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SECOND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 2001

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 14, 2001, having a shortened statutory period extended two-months to expire on February 14, 2002, and in response to the Advisory Action dated February 5, 2002, please enter the following amendments and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Enclosed please find a substitute specification to correct the objections and organizational informalities as requested by the Examiner. A marked up version showing all the changes is also enclosed. No new matter has been introduced.